

Press Release; Brain Injury Connections Northwest Sponsors Community Meeting to Educate Survivors, Family, Caregivers, Professionals and Students

October 24, 2018

WHO: Attendee demographics; brain injury survivors of traumatic and non-traumatic brain injury of all walks of life, social, economic, education and possibly national origin pre- and post -injury, their family and friends, and professionals and/or students who provide medically related services.

WHAT: 2 ½ hour meeting to include Q&A from the audience; entitled
“I have survived Brain Injury and I am medically stable ... but what do I do now? WHO CAN HELP?”

We have the pleasure of hosting two well-respected Portland lawyers, Gary Vigna and David Kracke, who will address several financial and legal issues faced by members of the Brain Injury community.

- 1:30-2:00 Introduction of the series and today’s presentation, presenters, vendors and board members
Marta Guembes will open the meeting with her ‘story’, through the eyes of a family member of a brain injury survivor
- 2:00-2:45 David Kracke, JD; Oregon’s Brain Injury Advocate-Coordinator
Presentation and Q&A
- 2:45-3:30 Gary Vigna, JD
Presentation and Q&A
- 3:30-3:45 Additional Q&A, discussion and wrap up
- 3:45-4:00 Vendor tables, refreshments

WHEN: Saturday, November 17, 2018 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

WHERE: Providence Medical Center, Cancer Center Auditorium; 4805 N.E. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97215

WHY: Brain Injury Connections-Northwest (BIC-NW) is a grassroots organization that supports and serves the brain injury community in the Portland metro area. We are peers, family members, friends who live with acquired brain injury who strive to support and empower one another. We are from all walks of life. Many of us have sustained traumatic brain injury, concussion, stroke, tumor, anoxia or know of someone who has. In many cases we do not receive the important information we need at the time of our accident/illness and we are not able to maximize our income or make appropriate requests for benefits.

HOW TO REGISTER: Go to our webpage - <http://braininjuryconnections nw.org/> or go to our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/BrainInjuryConnectionsNW> to register through Eventbrite. **Fees = \$25 professional attendees, \$10 caregiver and survivor attendees, \$5 students and *scholarships available to anyone in need**